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BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 96-249-C - ORDER NO. 97-817  
SEPTEMBER 19, 1997

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IN RE: Request of BellSouth Public Communi- ) ORDER  
cations, Inc. for Waiver of COCOT ) GRANTING  
Guidelines. ) WAIVER

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on receipt of request filed by BellSouth Public Communications, Inc. (BellSouth) for waiver of guidelines to allow for the blocking of incoming calls at the pay telephone located at the Corner Stop in Gaffney, South Carolina. The request was cosigned by John O'Donald, Chief of Police of the Gaffney Police Department.

It appears that the location provider is seeking to ensure the safety and security of employees and patrons at their business location. By blocking incoming calls to this location, BellSouth hopes to deter loitering and potential criminal activity.

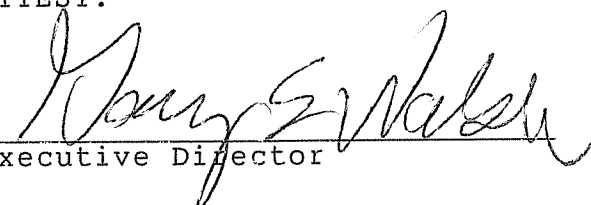
We have examined this matter, and agree that the COCOT guideline requiring COCOTs to receive incoming calls should be waived in this case. Incoming calls, therefore, may be blocked at the pay telephone in question.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until  
further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Deputy  
Executive Director  
(SEAL)